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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJECT: PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS

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1. WE BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONVEY RESULTS OF PERCY INITIATIVE TO GOI IN MANNER THAT DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT WE ARE PASSING JUDGMENT ON THE MERITS OF THEIR RESPONSES. REFTELS B AND C CONTAIN OUR ANALYSIS AND EMBASSY KABUL'S AS TO WHY THE AFGHAN RESPONSE WAS NEGATIVE. YOU MAY DRAW ON THESE TWO CABLES AS APPROPRIATE IN DESCRIBING AFGHAN REACTION.

2. IN EXPLAINING BACKGROUND OF PERCY INITIATIVE, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE SENATOR'S EFFORTS IN KATHMANDU WERE LARGELY HIS OWN, AND THAT WHEN IT APPEARED THAT THERE

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WAS SOME PROSPECT FOR AGREEMENT WE NATURALLY WISHED TO

LEND SUPPORT. WE MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT WE DID NOT WISH TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY UNDERSTANDING AND URGED BOTH SIDES DEAL BILATERALLY.

3. WE AGREE THAT IT SHOULD BE LEFT TO YOU TO DECIDE WHEN AND AT WHAT LEVEL THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH INDIANS. STATE 53931 WAS SENT IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION

IN SCHNEIDER-KUX LETTER THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH GOI ON PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS. WE ASSUMED IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO INFORM THE GOI OF THIS INITIATIVE, IF ONLY BECAUSE THE INDIANS MAY LEARN OF IT INDIRECTLY AND DEVELOP SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE EFFORT. BUT WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER THIS RISK OUTWEIGHS THE POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGES YOU HAVE RAISED. INGERSOLL

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